

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/765,914

Examiner

William H. Mayo III

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to June 6, 2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 14, 16 and 17.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 18 January 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The declaration under 37 CFR 1.132 filed is sufficient to overcome the rejection of claims 14 and 16-17 based upon Arroyo et al (Pat Num 4,807,962), Tessier (Pat Num 5,132,488), and Tash (Pat Num 5,329,064).

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 14 and 16-17 are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: This invention deals with a data cable comprising an interior support being unshielded wherein the support has a cylindrical longitudinal extending central portion, a plurality of projections extending from the central portion; each projection of said plurality of projections being adjacent to two other projections of said plurality of projections, said plurality of projections forming a plurality of adjacent projections; an open space defined by each of said plurality of adjacent projections; said cable covering contacting each projection; only one twisted pair conductor from said plurality of twisted pair conductors disposed in each open area space; and wherein said cable covering includes an overall shield (claim 14). The above stated claim limitations, is not taught or suggested by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed June 6, 2005 have been fully considered and they are persuasive. Specifically, the applicant's argument in the Declaration filed under 35 USC 1.132, stating it would not have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to substitute the twisted pairs of Tessier into the cable of Arroyo which is designed to isolate optical fibers from compressive forces caused during installation and bending of the cable is persuasive and therefore the claims have been allowed. Specifically, since optical fibers don't suffer from crosstalk, there would be need to modify the cable of Arroyo to comprise twisted pairs for the purpose of reducing crosstalk.

Communication

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to William H. Mayo III whose telephone number is (571)-272-1978. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-6:00 pm (alternate Fridays off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dean Reichard can be reached on (571) 272-2800 ext 31. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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